students of the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition, New Delhi, who have passed the course in June, 1984 have not been given their Diplomas yet;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The 3 year diploma examination is conducted by the Board of Technical Education, Delhi Administration, Delhi who in turn pass on the diplomas to the Institute of Hotel Management, Catering and Nutrition, New Delhi for distribution to the successful students. The diplomas for the year 1984 have recently been received by the Institute. These are being distributed.

Purchase price of raw juate

1076. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) at what price raw jute was purchased during the last six months in Bihar and Bengal by the Jute Corporation of India; and

(b) whether it is a fact that during the last year, the price of jute was about Rs. 1000 per quintal while this year it is being sold at about Rs. 200 per quintal, if so, what steps are being taken to safeguard the interests of jute growers and mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No purchases were made during May to July, 1985 in Bihar and West Bengal. Prices at which purchases were made by Jute Corporation of India during August to November 18, 1985 in Bihar and West Bengal are as under:

(Rs. per Quintal

State	Variety	Prices at which purchases made during Aug. to Nov., 18 1985
Bihar	W-5	225·50 —251
West Bengal	TD-5	235·50 —273

(b) A statement is attached.

Statement

As a result of four successive short jute crops, the price of raw jute (W-5 Grade) had crossed the level of Rs. 900 per quintal during last jute season 1984-85. However, during the current jute season 1985-86, with the harvesting of a bumper crop of jute, prices have declined to support level in almost all up-country markets.

2. With a view to protect the interests of jute growers, the following steps have been taken:—

(i) The Jute Corporation of India has been directed to un-

dertake large scale purchase of raw jute at minimum support prices fixed by the Government;

(ii) Sufficient credit has been placed at the disposal of Jute Corporation of India for undertaking price support operation;

(iii) A directive has been issued on 6-9-85 by Jute Commissioner to all working jute mills in the private sector to build up stocks of raw jute to specified levels so as to step up purchases of raw jute by mills;

(iv) The Jute Corporation of India has been permitted to export a limited quantity of raw jute.

Minister's discussion with exporters/importers

1077. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during Sixth Open House discussions with exporters/importers in August 1985, the Minister had made the announcement that merchant export would be allowed to become manufacture export house subject to fulfilment of growth rate in the category in which they were recognised initially; and

(b) if so, what are the details of instructions issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been implemented vide ITC(PN) No. 45/85-88 dated 4-11-85, copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

Implementation of workers' Participation scheme in Public Sector Units

1078. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 314 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently he had approved the scheme regarding workers' participation in public sector steel units; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to overcome the multiplicity of trade unions to implement the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of Aluminium Research Development and design centre

1079. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of STEEL ND MINES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 606 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of the Aluminium Research, Development and Design Centre has since been approved by the Public Investments Board and Government;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) what further developments have taken place in the establishment of the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAMDULARI SINHA): (a) The proposal for setting up of the centre is yet to be approved by the Public Investment Board & the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise